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EXPECT HOCKIN WILL CONFESS

Tried To Reach Agreement Before Indictments Returned

Thirty-Eight Labor Leaders Arrested On Charges Of Conspiracy To Break Open-Shop Movement By Use Of Dynamite—Twenty Cities Involved And Period Of Six Years Covered By Federal Grand Jury Investigation—A. F. of L. Is Exonerated

Indianapolis, Feb. 15.—In addition to the 38 or more men already under arrest in connection with the dynamite cases, it is not denied at the federal building that there are from 15 to 20 others who have been caught in the net and will be arrested. Nearly all of the accused men are now or have been members of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' organization.

They were in the great conspiracy to destroy property and break up the open-shop movement, however, and each is charged with some other act in connection with members of the iron workers in the work of destruction.

Frank M. Ryan, president of the international union; Herbert S. Hockin, secretary-treasurer; J. T. Butler, first vice president; Fred T. Sherman, business agent of the local union of iron workers, and S. P. Meadows, business agent of the carpenters' union, were arrested here and taken at once to the office of the United States marshal, where they have bond, Ryan and Hockin in the sum of \$10,000 each and the others in the sum of \$5,000 each.

What Arrests Disclose.
The arrests bring before the country the full extent of the alleged dynamite conspiracy and show what men the government accuses of having had a connection with a nationwide criminal organization formed among iron workers and others to fight the battles of unionism with dynamite and nitroglycerin. Caught in the net of the government in all parts of the country are labor men who are accused here of having had a hand in the conspiracy, or in overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy. Explosions which occurred in 20 or more cities in six years, and for which no one was punished, again spring up before the public, and local communities find that the government is attempting to bring to justice many men who have not hitherto been known to be connected with the dynamite game. A total of 64 men were indicted by the federal grand jury. It was learned at the federal building. All defendants will be arraigned before Judge Anderson in federal court March 12.

Herbert S. Hockin, the secretary-treasurer of the iron workers, made many attempts to reach an agreement with the government after the inquiry began, but all overtures were rejected, as the officials believed him to be one of the leaders in the conspiracy and were certain of his indictment and punishment. It is no secret that he will make a clean breast of the whole conspiracy. When he was before the grand jury he was a willing witness, but no promises of immunity were made. He was told that the government did not ask him to accuse himself and if he gave any testimony of that kind he would do so at his own risk.

Arrests were made in three Ohio cities as follows:
Cincinnati—Edward Clark, former business agent of Cincinnati iron workers; Ernest Baze, former business agent Indianapolis iron workers.
Cleveland—Peter J. Smith, business agent Cleveland iron workers; G. N. Anderson, member of the union.
Dayton—William Bernhardt of Cincinnati.

COMPERS EXONERATED

Grand Jury Finds No Evidence Against A. F. of L. Officials.

Washington, Feb. 15.—That the Indianapolis federal dynamite investigation completely exonerated President Compers and other officials of the American Federation of Labor from any complicity in the alleged conspiracy, was the statement authorized at the department of justice.

The implication of the "higher-ups" ended with the evidence against structural iron workers' union officials, it was said.

With the serving of bench warrants on the indictments the government ends its investigation, it was learned. There will be no further grand jury sessions. The government will move for speedy trials. District Attorney Miller of Indianapolis will have charge of the prosecutions.

Newark, O., Feb. 15.—Fifty cases were reported in the typhoid fever epidemic here and Dr. W. H. Knuss, city health officer, urged that all drinking water be boiled.

The Mexican Turkey.
According to the natives, the Mexican turkey in its wild state is not a very intelligent bird, for they declare that the coyotes capture it by running in circles under the trees in which the birds are roosting until the latter get dizzy through watching them and fall down one by one.

Steeplejack's Parachute Leap From Liberty Statue



Photo by American Press Association.

MOVING picture spectators will have thrills when they see the films presenting the jump of Frederick Law from the torch of the statue of Liberty, upborne by his parachute. The leap was made expressly for the purposes of the cinematograph men. Yat, as Law is a steeplejack, it is conceivable that he might make some practical use of a parachute in his hazardous calling. The one used at Redhook Island was of special design and light material. It did not arrest his fall for the first hundred feet, and, though it spread out, as our illustration shows, in time to save his life, he struck the ground, 275 feet below his jumping point, with enough force to bruise himself somewhat. It is safe to predict that, despite the success of Law's experiment, other visitors to the torch in which young people have a habit of getting married will still descend by walking down the interior of Miss Liberty and taking the elevator from her feet to the ground.

MINER HACKED TO PIECES WITH 50 KNIFE THRUSTS

Bellaire, O., Feb. 15.—George Taylor, a coal miner, was found almost hacked to pieces with about 50 knife thrusts. He boarded at a foreign boarding house and it was the proprietor who first gave the alarm. Taylor is supposed to have been infatuated with the proprietor's wife.

Deputy Sheriff Dunfee and Osborn of St. Clairsville found a trail of blood leading from the house to the place where Taylor's body was found. The keeper was arrested and will be held for further investigation. Coroner Messerly will give his verdict to-day.

CLEVELAND DWARF DIES

Zanesville, O., Feb. 15.—Joseph Garnette, 40, weighing 40 pounds and only 34 inches tall, died suddenly here as he was being carried from a local museum to his hotel room by an attendant. Coroner A. C. Walters pronounced death due to heart trouble. His home is at Cleveland.

GEORGIANS INDORSE TAFT

Atlanta, Feb. 15.—Extolling President Taft for his "peaceful and successful administration," the Georgia Republican state convention adopted resolutions endorsing the Taft re-nomination and elected delegates to the Chicago convention pledged to the president's support.

REFORMATORY LOCATED

Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—Tent Marysville will be the site of the new women's reformatory, which is to be constructed by the state at an expense of several hundred thousand dollars, seems practically assured as a result of a meeting of the reformatory commission, which was held in the office of Governor Harrison. It was announced, however, that no decision had been reached, but that the commission had asked for further information concerning certain of the sites.

GETS LIFE SENTENCE

Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—Imprisonment for life in the Ohio penitentiary was the sentence given by Judge Dillon to Clarence King, who was indicted for first degree murder for the killing of Sam Case Dec. 27. It was left to the court to determine the degree of the crime committed when King pleaded guilty to a general charge of homicide and thus waived the right of a trial by jury. The penalty given by Judge Dillon was upon second-degree murder.

CRIMINAL ASSIGNMENT

Is Made For The Week Of
March 4 By Prosecutor

Other Items Of Interest From
The Court House

Prosecuting Attorney L. Tate Cromley has made the following assignment of criminal cases in the court of common pleas of Knox county:

Monday, March 4.
Ohio vs. Charles Foster, Clarence Foster, Samuel Gould, Frank Foster and Glenn Selby. (Indicted jointly for burglary.)
Tuesday, March 5.
Ohio vs. Hubert Lindsey.
Wednesday, March 6.
Ohio vs. Daniel R. Cooper.
Ohio vs. Ida Critchfield.
Thursday, March 7.
Ohio vs. U. S. Lybarger.
Friday, March 8.
Ohio vs. Harry N. Hills, U. S. Lybarger and Claude N. Wyant.

Verdict For \$1.50—
In the court of common pleas on Wednesday the jury returned a verdict for \$1.50 in the case of Williamson vs. Shira. In this case the plaintiff sued for damages in the sum of \$140 for the sale of a horse.

Common Pleas Court—
The following matters were disposed of in the court of common pleas on Wednesday:
Koons vs. Curran—Jury trial. Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$32.57.
Baldwin vs. Trick—Motion to dissolve temporary injunction sustained. Injunction dissolved.
Kelley vs. Upham Gas Co.—Motion to amend petition overruled.
Couts vs. Upham Gas Co.—Motion to make petition more definite sustained.
Fisher et al. vs. Brown—Motion to make petition more definite overruled.
Black vs. Porter—Motion to strike out paragraph of petition overruled.

Sentence Suspended—
Bernard May, who entered a plea of guilty to burglary, before Judge Wickham, was given a sentence of one year in the Ohio penitentiary, but the sentence was suspended upon condition that May provide in a proper manner for his three minor children.

Another Sentence Suspended—
Judge Wickham also suspended sentence in the case of Ohio vs. Forest Butler, who pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny. Butler was given a fine of \$25 and costs and 60 days in the workhouse, but the same were suspended upon condition that the defendant abstain from drinking intoxicating liquor and pay \$10 to the owner of the chickens, from whom he confessed to the stealing.

May Make Contract—
The county commissioners of Knox county may make a contract with the officials of the Painter Children's home in Holmes county to care for the homeless children of Knox county, until a suitable home can be built in Knox county. The commissioners will pay \$90 per year for the care of each child.

Administrator Appointed—
Braddock McCammet of Bladensburg has been appointed administrator of William McCammet, giving bond in the sum of \$200, with J. B. Graham and A. L. McCammet as sureties. No appraisal.

Marriage License—
Sherman Gay Bailey, farmer, Harrison township, and Inez Lurea Lafave, Butler township. Rev. D. A. Morris.

Deeds Filed—
Cary O. Dudgeon to Laura A. Adrian 1-2 acre in Martinsburg, \$1,800.
P. L. Wilkins to Clifton E. Jackson 25 acres in Liberty \$1,000.
Henry Spohn to Bertha Hammond lots in Academia, \$1.
Henry Spohn to Oscar Spohn, lots in Academia, \$1.

BIGELOW LOSES IN FIRST ROUND

Caucus Favors Percentage Plan In I. & R. Proposal

Cuyahoga County Constitutional Delegate Insists That He Will Continue Fight To Have Flat Numbers Prevail In Securing Petitions—Brown Of Highland Objects To Low Percentages Proposed By Stillwell—State Road Proposition Gains

Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—President Bigelow and Delegate Crosser of Cuyahoga county were overruled by 28 to 23 on the first proposition they took before the caucus of initiative and referendum supporters of the constitutional convention. The caucus decided that percentages and not flat numbers should be used in the I. and R. proposal. The caucus followed a banquet at the Hartman hotel. More than 60 attended, and it was given out that 13 were kept away for various reasons.

Mr. Bigelow accepted the caucus action with good grace and asked to have the decision made unanimous, but Delegate Crosser was far from being in a good humor and intimated he would continue the struggle for the provision that 50,000 electors may cause a referendum on a legislative act and 80,000 may initiate a law.

Crosser Keeps Up Fight.
Immediately after the vote, which followed a spirited debate, Delegate Stillwell of Cuyahoga moved that the percentages be: To referendum a legislative act, 5 per cent; to initiate a measure, 6 per cent; to initiate a constitutional amendment, 7 per cent. He sought to press the motion, but Delegate Brown of Highland objected, declaring he was elected on an 8, 10 and 12 per cent pledge. President Bigelow suggested adjournment until 7:30 Tuesday evening, and this plan was adopted. In the meantime he and close friends will try to line up the delegates for as low percentages as they can secure.

Agreement to incorporate in the Harris amendment to the Lampson road roads proposal amendments by

GEORGE H. COLTON

Represents Portage County
In Constitutional Convention.



Delegate Price of Perry, by which "a system of intercounty roads throughout the state" is assured, made supporters of the proposal certain at the end of another day's debate that the proposition could be brought to a vote today.

FIRST CLEW SECURED TO ROSCOE INCENDIARIES

Coshocton, O., Feb. 15.—Fire Marshal Zuber found his first pay dirt in his quest for the firebug who has set the torch to the village of Roscoe. He had a conference with four Coshocton boys who were near Retilly's store and the postoffice when they were burned Thursday evening. The boys

saw two men walking around the buildings, and think they recognized one of them. Shortly afterward the flames burst forth. It is said that arrest probably will be made today.

Diligence, above all, is the mother of good luck.—Samuel Smiles.

PREVENTED SUICIDE

Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—Grasping her hand as she pulled the trigger of a revolver, Patrolman P. J. Masterson prevented Mrs. Lewis Pappes, the young wife of a Greek restaurant keeper, from shooting herself. The bullet that she had intended for her heart just grazed her side. The attempted suicide came as the climax to a long period of abject which, it is said, the 17-year-old wife has suffered at the hands of her husband. Some time ago she appealed to the police for protection, saying he was going to sell her into white slavery.

5 CHARGED WITH MURDER

Cleveland, O., Feb. 15.—Five men were arrested here in connection with the murder of Maurice Gelman, a striking garment worker, on state-ments made, the police say, by Joseph Madorsky and Isadore Benjamin, who were arrested in Cincinnati last week. Fifteen warrants, including those for the men arrested, were issued. Gelman was beaten to death because he refused to hold out.

Teapots.
Teapots were brought to Europe when tea was introduced in 1610. They are of either Indian or Chinese origin but are of uncertain antiquity.

PROPOSITION TO CUT EXPRESS RATES IN TWO

Washington, Feb. 15.—A bill prescribing the rates to be charged by express companies engaged in interstate commerce will be reported to the house in the near future. The bill was introduced by Representative Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

The bill proposes a material reduction in rates, amounting in the aggregate to about 50 per cent. It provides that packages of certain weight the contents of which do not exceed \$80 in value shall be carried for distances of 2,000 miles and over for

\$1.20; just under 2,000 miles, 75 cents; not more than 1,200 miles, 50 cents; not more than 750 miles, 35 cents; not more than 500 miles, 25 cents.

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